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### **SIX INDICTED IN CONSPIRACIES TO DISTRIBUTE NARCOTICS IN YUBA, SUTTER AND SACRAMENTO COUNTIES**

SACRAMENTO-- United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that a federal grand jury returned an eighteen count indictment against CHARLES GOODEN, 23, of Yuba City; RONNIE JAMES WILLIAMS, Jr., 22, of Marysville; CHARLES DEMARIO JOHNSON, 29, address unknown; DERENCE LAMONT JORDAN, 25, of North Highlands; TRAVIS DAVIS, 37, of Sacramento; and AIMEE LEE COX, 36, of Marysville, for conspiracies to distribute methamphetamine and cocaine base in Yuba, Sutter and Sacramento counties from approximately August 2006 through October 17, 2007.

This case is the product of a joint investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Yuba-Sutter Narcotic Enforcement Team, and other state and local law enforcement agencies.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Russell L. Carlberg, who is prosecuting the case, the indictment alleges that from August 28, 2006 through October 17, 2007, defendants GOODEN, WILLIAMS, JOHNSON, and COX conspired to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute controlled substances, including methamphetamine, in Yuba County and elsewhere. The indictment also alleges that from September 4, 2007 to October 17, 2007, defendants WILLIAMS, JORDAN, and DAVIS conspired to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute cocaine base in Sacramento County and elsewhere.

United States Attorney Scott stated, “This indictment demonstrates that the long-term cooperation of federal and state law enforcement can yield significant results in targeting those who deal illegal drugs in our communities.”

The maximum statutory penalty for a violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) is life in prison. However, the actual sentence will be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables, and any applicable statutory sentencing factors.

The charges are only allegations and the defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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